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SUBJECT: PLO OBSERVER STATUS AT ILO CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING IS USG POSITION ON PLO OBSERVER STATUS AT
JUNE CONFERENCE OF ILO.

2. CONFERENCE PLENARY: USDEL SHOULD VOTE NO OR ABSTAIN,
WHICHEVER TACTIC IS MOST LIKELY TO DEFEAT THE MEASURE, ON
ANY RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED BY THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE
TO THE PLENARY WHICH WOULD AMEND THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE
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ILO CONFERENCE SO THAT THE PLO WOULD BE GRANTED OBSERVER
STATUS IN ANY FORM TO THE ILO. USG DELEGATES SHOULD MAKE

OUR POSITION CLEAR TO ANY DELEGATION WHICH INQUIRES PRIOR TO VOTING ON SUCH RESOLUTION.

3. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: USG SHOULD INSURE THAT IT IS A MEMBER OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE, AND SHOULD OPPOSE ANY RECOMMENDATION OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE TO THE CONFERENCE PLENARY WHICH WOULD GIVE, BY THE UMBRELLA FORMULA OR BY NAMING THE PLO EXPLICITLY, OBSERVER STATUS TO THE PLO AT THE ILO. USG SHOULD THEREFORE NOT PARTICIPATE IN A CONSENSUS ON THE MATTER, SHOULD CALL FOR A

VOTE, IF NEEDED, AND VOTE AGAINST ANY SUCH RECOMMENDATION OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD RECOMMEND CHANGES IN THE STANDING ORDERS WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF GRANTING PLO OBSERVER STATUS. IF THE COMMITTEE INSISTS ON HANDLING THE MATTER BY CONSENSUS, AND THE CONSENSUS IS IN FAVOR OF GRANTING THE PLO OBSERVER STATUS, USDEL SHOULD STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT THE US IS NOT A PART OF THE CONSENSUS.

5. FOLLOWING POINTS MAY BE USED IN EITHER MEETING IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE: THE USG IS OPPOSED TO GRANTING OBSERVER STATUS TO THE PLO AT THE ILO. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE GRAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF INVITING ANY NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, IN PARTICULAR THOSE CONFERENCES DEALING WITH NON-POLITICAL ISSUES. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN THE ILO WHERE THE VITAL TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE OF THE ILO, WITH TRADE UNIONS, EMPLOYERS, AND GOVERNMENTS, COULD BE UNDERMINED BY THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

6. USDEL SHOULD CONSULT ON A CONTINUING BASIS WITH US AND OTHER FRIENDLY WORKER AND EMPLOYER DELEGATES REGARDING TACTICS. INGERSOLL

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